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In re

Patent Application of

Khalid Mentak

Serial No. Unknown

Filed: July 30, 2001

Examiner: Unknown

"WATER PLASTICIZED HIGH REFRACTIVE
INDEX POLYMER FOR OPHTHALMIC
APPLICATIONS"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,757, filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1, which is immediately after "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", and replace it with the following:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,757, filed on July 22, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/128,751, filed on April 12, 1999.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-32 and 38-42.

Remarks:

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

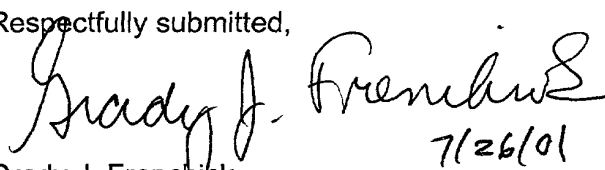
The amendment to the specification amends the application to correctly claim the chain of priority of the present application, extending through the parent to the provisional application upon which the parent was based.

The amendment cancels all claims except 33-37. Claims 33-37 were subject of the restriction requirement on 09/28/00 in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,757.

For reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the specification introduced herein adds no new matter to the subject patent application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. A favorable action thereon is, therefore, respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any other point requires consideration or that the form of the claims can be improved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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"Version with markings to show changes made"

The changes made to the specification are shown by brackets [for deleted matter], and underlining for added matter.

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[This application claims priority to the April 12, 1999 filing date of provisional application Serial No. 60/128,751.] This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/358,757, filed on July 22, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/128,751, filed on April 12, 1999.

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